IV. *Part of a Letter to the Publiſher, concerning ſome* Roman *Coins, and other matters lately obſerved in* Lincolnſhire.

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THis comes only to acquaint you with what may not be improper to inſert in ſome of your next Philoſophical Tranſactions, *viz.* That in *July* laſt one *Edward Lenton*, who lives with one *Philip Wolverſton* of *Fleet* in *South Holland* in *Lincolnſhire*, being about to fence in a Hay-ſtack, and digging a grip for that purpoſe about the depth of half a yard, he ſtruck his Spade upon a Pot, which when he broke, (elſe nothing could be got out of it) there was no leſs than 36 pound weight of old *Roman* Copper Coin found in it. The Pieces were found ſet in rows edgeways one by another, and ſtuck ſo together with the Verdigreaſe or Ruſt of Copper, that many of them required a Chizel or ſome ſuch thing to ſeparate them; but being ſeparated, clean'd and brighten'd, the Heads or Figures of all or moſt of them were very fair, (ſome as when newly ſtamped,) and the Inſcriptions of many are very legible. The Fellow (who at firſt hoped for a better Treaſure, when he ſaw what the Pot produced) profuſely and careleſsly gave them away, and diſperſed them up and down the Country to ſuch as deſired them, and that, I ſuppoſe, for nothing, or next to nothing. Here was amaſs'd together a great variety of Coins in this Pot: They ſay Dr *Hart*, a Phyſician of *Wisbich*, has a dozen of the beſt Pieces; and an Apothecary at *Long Sutton* a ſcore of the ſame, the largeſt and moſt legible: and *Philip Wolverſton* himſelf has two or three, ſo very large and fair, that he ſays he will not part with them. Notwithſtanding there

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is yet many pounds weight of them in *Edward Lenton's* hands, the man that found them, if he have not lately parted with them. The place where they were found is in the midſt of the vaſteſt Flat or Level in *England*, and in a Ground that for many Ages paſt, uſed to be cover'd with Water in the Winter, and overgrown with Reed in the Summer. 'Tis about a mile and a half South by Weſt from *Fleet-Church*, and about as far South by Eaſt from *Holbeach*. There are no Banks or Hillocks, old Works or Ruins to be ſeen near it; nor any remains or tokens of any thing extraordinary to have been there; (but the old Sea Bank about two or three mile off; which *Dugdale* from a paſſage in *Tacitus* believes to be caſt up by the *Roman* Souldiers.) But all is as flat as the Sea, and a low Country, producing a Courſe Flaggy Graſs for the moſt part round about it. The Pot, which was narroweſt at the top and bottom, but thicker in the middle, had an Inſcription about it, which tho it ſeemeth in ſome of the Sherds or Pieces to be fair at firſt ſight, yet is not legible, tho what it may be to men skill'd in Antiquities I know not.

I thought it was neceſſary, that the Learned World ſhould know this, and ſo ſhould any ſecond *Dugdale*, that may afterwards write the Hiſtory and Antiquities of the Fenns: And I knew not whether any would Communicate it to you or no; and therefore I have ventured to do it. If you have fuller and better accounts, this will do no harm; if you have not, you may make what uſe you pleaſe of this. You need not know from whom this comes, but you may be aſſured of the truth of it.

I might have given you an account of ſome diſcoveries, at the laying a Tunnel under the *Welland* at *Spalding* in *Lincolnſhire*, about 5 or 6 years ago, *viz.* of Jettys Boats, Tannfats, and the knobs and great quantities of Ox Horns belonging thereto, and Shoe Soles of a very ſtrange unuſual form; all dug up at the depth of 12 or 14 foot. As alſo at the laying the *New Goat* at the fall of *Hammond Beck* into *Boſton Haven*, about 4 or 5 years ago, they found

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(at the ſame or greater depth, in a different Soil from what they had dug through) many Roots of Trees, where it is believed the ſurface of the old Country was before it was covered by the Sea, (as alſo at *Spalding*) But having given an account thereof to Mr *Ralph Thoresby* of *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire*, a year or two ago, if you think it worth the Recording, you may have it I ſuppoſe from him when you pleaſe.

V. *Part of a Letter from Mr* Thoresby, *F. R. S. to the Publiſher, giving a further account of the ſame.*

THE Perſon you inquire of, is, I am ſure an ingenious, obliging and good man, what you deſire a tranſcript of, I here ſend you in his own words.

'Near the River *Welland*, that runs thro the Town of '*Spalding* in *Lincolnſhire*, at the depth of above 8 or '10 foot, there were found *Jettys*, as they call them, 'to keep up the old Rivers Bank, and the head of a Tun-'nel that emptied the Land-water into the old River; and 'at a conſiderable diſtance from the preſent River, I gueſs '20 or 30 yards, there were dug up (about the like depth) 'ſeveral old *Boats*, which things ſhew that anciently the Ri-'ver was either much wider than now it is, or ran in another 'place, or both. On the other, *viz.* the North Weſt ſide of 'the River, and more upwards in the Town, were digg'd up '(at about the afore-mentioned depth) the remains of old '*Tanvats* or *Pits*, a great quantity of *Ox-horns*, and the 'Shoe-ſoles, which I told you of, and I think the very 'Tanners knobs, *&c.* which things ſhew, that the ſurface 'of the Country lay anciently much lower than now it 'does, and has been raiſed by the Seas throwing in its Sand 'in the Maritime parts (now moſt inhabited) and by the

'*Moor*